

HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCILLORS REPORT

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

The Council will be consulting on the legal planning framework that will determine planning permissions in the County till 2025. These included the identification of all future housing and employment sites and the infrastructure required in particular relief roads for Hereford and Leominster. It is the Councils proposals to levy a charge on new sites to help pay for the new roads and other community facilities.

With the support of the Parish Council I have secured Pembridge to be recognised as one of 19 rural villages in the County to be a rural centre with services and a focus for affordable homes. This will be the last significant consultation and it is important to hear local peoples's views on their village and the whole of the County. I have arranged a meeting for all the Villages and Parishes I represent at Shobdon on

THURSDAY 4TH FEBRUARY AT 7.30 PM AT SHOBDON VILLAGE HALL PREPARING FOR LEANER TIMES

The Council recently purchased the old HQ of Bulmers in Hereford together with an addition building site, four acres of car parking and extra road access for four million pounds. The borrowing cost of which are considerably lower than the rental level we were paying the company. The proposal now being considered is to place all our staff together with administration of staff of the Hospital and PCT in this location. This should release the older administration buildings which are costly to maintain to be sold off. The shared services and property will release considerable savings for the Council estimated at between £3.4 to £5.4 million pounds with loss of 104 -140 jobs.

We all know that who ever wins the general election there will be less money in the system and it is sensible to get on and plan how we are going to deal with it.

SCHOOL CLUSTERS

The Council has adopted a policy of encouraging all local High School Clusters of schools to work together potentially sharing funding and staff to support improving educational standards and individual local schools. Locally we have good performing schools with Shobdon recently rated as outstanding by Ofsted inspector. Pembridge and Lady Hawkins continue to deliver high standards of education.

This Christmas sees Andrew Teal departing to take up the headship of the largest Church Primary in the County. He has been a great success and we wish him well. The School will be in the very competent hands of the deputy Miss Finney for the next two terms and the Governors will be going through an appointment process for a new head in September.

Cllr Roger Phillips 01544340269/ 01432260046

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LEEN TIMES

I write this in mid December with the lights going up in the village and holly berries still on the bushes. The turkey is ordered and the grandchildren are doing their stuff in the Christmas plays- a wonderful time of year with so much that we must be grateful for.

The farm has settled into 'winter mode' with the milking/feeding/bedding and mucking out going on, day by day. Most of the cows have gone to the bull (actually the AI man!) in the last few weeks, so that we can expect a busy time in August next year. We still turn out many tons of vegetables- Leeks/Sprouts/Cabbage/Curly Kale and Celeriac, each week, no matter how much rain/frost/mud or hard work it takes. This is shipped to Ledbury/London/wherever on a continuous basis, much of it to go with those festive birds.

The weeks of wet weather has kept the river brim full, which has led to continuous activity. The Trout and Salmon have been busy jumping at the weirs and running upstream to spawn. Several people have sent photos of, sadly, dead Salmon. On occasion several hundred yards from the river (they had penetrated even the smallest ditches), just a partially eaten fish, some surrounded by eggs. Another picture showed 3 Otters eating a fish. These clearly show two stunning elements of nature:- 1. That a considerable number of Salmon have run the Arrow this year, and 2. There is a very healthy population of Otters in the area.

People often ask me what they can do to help nature. Basically it's just a series of Don'ts!

- Don't leave the cat out all day
- Don't be too tidy in the garden
- Don't burn the garden rubbish in the winter
- Don't use slug pellets
- Don't put fish in the garden pond
- And don't stop feeding the birds
- If you let nature just get on with it-it will.

Have a good year in 2010 and:-
Keep sending me those pictures.

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Tony Norman. tony@leenfarmorganics.co.uk

PEMBRIDGE SURGERY: NEW SURGERY TIMES:

DOCTORS/NURSES SURGERIES AS FOLLOWS:
Monday:..... 9.00 – 12.00 –NURSE
(& DOCTOR USUALLY)
3.00pm – 5.00pm-DOCTOR

Tuesday: 9.00 –12.00 -DOCTOR

Wednesday:..... 9.00 – 12.00 -NURSE
2.00pm - 4.30pm-NURSE

Thursday:.....3.00pm – 5.00pm-DOCTOR

Friday:.....9.00am – 12.00 -DOCTOR

DOORS OPEN FOR COLLECTION & ORDERING OF PRESCRIPTIONS:

Monday: 9am-1pm & 2.15pm-6.00

Tuesday: 9am-1pm

Wednesday: 9am-1pm & 2.15pm-4.45pm

Thursday: 2.15pm-5.45 pm

Friday: 9am-1pm



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EDITORIAL

That's it then. The last of the turkey sandwiches. Nights are drawing out, Easter just around the corner. Sorry, getting ahead of myself. Trouble is, once we get into the New Year I can't wait for Spring. Personally, I'd be quite happy to go straight from Christmas and New year to April. I mean, what the hell do you do with January, Feb and March ? It's cold, wet and nothing grows. Any outside sport requires layers of warm clothes to watch and anyone that plays golf is mental. No, let's go straight to Spring. Anyway, I hope you enjoyed the festive season and all those new resolutions are firmly in place. The village looked a picture again with all the trees and thanks to Julie and her team for all their hard work. I know I bang on about it but it is just a few who do the work for the many to enjoy. It would also be nice to see some more of the younger members of the parish volunteering to be involved in projects like the village show, bonfire night etc. Your input is important to give fresh ideas that don't occur to us older members.

I've been taken to task for my comments on our trips to Spain so I won't mention that we are off on the 15th of January and won't be back until April. Oh.....sorry !! See you in the Spring !!

Glyn

LET THERE BE LIGHTS !!



A large crowd gathered in the market hall to watch the Christmas lights being switched on. As you can see the children had a ball it really kicked off the start of the Christmas festivities. The trees and lights have now become a regular feature of the village and the feeling as you drive along the main road is very festive. Thanks to all who attended and to all those who had a tree outside their property. It brings a lot of pleasure to villagers and visitors alike and let's hope it continues for many years.



Pembridge School Nativity Play

I was delighted to receive the school newsletter just before publication and thought that the children looked fantastic in their nativity play costumes. I suspect a few mums out there will be very proud and deserve a warm thank you for making such great costumes. All the best to Andrew Teale as he moves on to pastures new at St Pauls in Hereford. I'm sure he will be missed. Well done KS1 and all who took part.

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

A HAPPY NEW YEAR IS WISHED TO ALL PEMBRIDGE PARISH RESIDENTS

NEW STREET LIGHTING FOR THE VILLAGE

The new lighting scheme is developing well and several site visits have been made with Lighting Consultants and the Electricity Suppliers. The current positions of some street lights will change, to provide a better, more evenly spaced lighting system, for improved safety.

The implementation of the street lighting replacement scheme will be undertaken over the next 2-3 months. There will be some road disruption during the installation work, but this is necessary for the safety of the contractors. HGV through traffic will be restricted.

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

If you are aware of anything in the parish that you feel needs to be attended to by the Lengthsman please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk, and the Parish Council will consider these suggestions.

PARISH VISITING FREIGHTER SERVICE

This service will no longer be available in 2010 because the new Kington Waste Site will be open to the public shortly, and is therefore not too distant for larger items of waste to be taken to.

PEMRIDGE AFFORDABLE HOUSING SCHEME

The parish's Affordable Housing project is going ahead, although rather slowly. Information will be advertised as soon as it becomes available.

PARISH BUDGET/PRECEPT SETTING FROM APRIL 2010 TO MARCH 2011

The Parish Council has set its budget/precept requirement for the year ahead at £18,000.

SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE AT WESTERN END OF THE VILLAGE

It is very much hoped that the occasional positioning of the Speed Indicator Device in 2010 will continue to reduce the speed of east bound traffic as it enters the village from the western end.

VACANCY FOR A PARISH COUNCILLOR

There is currently a vacancy for a Parish Councillor in Pembridge. If you are interested in becoming a councillor please write to the Clerk at the address below by the 18th January 2010.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATE

Wednesday 20th January 2010 at 7.30pm All Welcome.

Please address any inquiries to the Clerk:

Mrs. Heather Harding, 153 Bargates, Leominster. HR6 8QT Tel: 01568 612143

E-Mail: harding153@hotmail.com

THINKING OF ADVERTISING IN THE MAGAZINE ?

There is one space on the advertising page . The clerk has tried to contact all previous applicants but no one has taken it. If you would like to advertise on the add page please contact the Clerk.



POND LIFE IN PEMBRIDGE

Whilst stuck in the midst of winter surrounded by cold grey days, it can be easily forgotten how lucky we are in Pembridge to be surrounded by such beautiful and fertile countryside. It is important that the variety of plants, trees and animals we have are protected, and at Pembridge Primary School, the children have been leading by example. By the time you read this they will be well on the way with the creation of their very own Wildlife Garden.

The School has been able to turn the idea of such a Garden into reality following the offer of a grant of over £2,300 by the Kingspan Insulation Community Trust.

This Wildlife Garden will be a securely fenced area next to the vegetable patch on the playing field behind the school, and will feature a pond with a jetty for pond dipping and a seat where the children can sit and observe. The immediate area surrounding the pond will be used to create a mosaic of habitats, with wildlife attracting plants. A native hedge which is a great benefit to wildlife by providing protection and food for birds and insects will also be planted at the School.

You may be aware that the school along with the involvement of the children and willing parents have already been busy planting 30 trees which were chosen for their attractiveness to wildlife. The School indicated that by incorporating this ongoing project into all areas of the curriculum, by providing a much more hands on way of learning instead of just reading from books, will not only help encourage biodiversity, but also educate the children of its importance and inspire them both now and in the future, to think about their environment and their own place in it.

So while the School are continuing with this ongoing work to improve the physical and natural environment, as well as providing a practical educational tool for the children of the school and its future generations, maybe we could all follow in our children's footsteps by doing a simple act such as planting shrubs or trees in our own gardens to provide the food and natural habitats that are an essential element of any ecological system. If Pembridge Primary Schools pond is as successful as Kingsland's, which was funded by the Trust in 2007, then it will bring a lot of benefit to the students at the school.

Weobley Theatre Goers

We start the New Year with a visit to Cardiff Millennium Centre to see Les Miserables on Thurs 7 Jan, leaving Bell Square at 11.15am for a performance at 2.30pm.

The spring programme continues with two plays at Malvern and circle seats are now reserved for the following productions:

Wed Feb 24th: Haunted by Edna O'Brien, starring Brenda Blethyn.

"Haunted tells the story of a middle-aged man, his wife and his obsession with a captivating young woman, who comes to their house. Desperate to ensure she returns he takes a number of actions that threatens both of his relationships in this tale of desire and regret."

Leaving Bell Square, Weobley at 12.30pm. Tickets cost £28, payable before 23 January.

Wed April 14th. Theatre Royal Bath Productions present the West Yorkshire Playhouse production of **The History Boys by Alan Bennett.**

"One of the great plays of the decade, The History Boys is set in a school in the North of England where a boisterous bunch of bright, funny sixth-form boys are attempting to gain entrance to Oxford and Cambridge whilst fending off the distractions of sport and sex. In Bennett's much-loved play, staff-room battles and the anarchy of adolescence provide a rich vein of comedy."

Leaving Bell Square, Weobley at 12.30pm Tickets cost £27 to be paid before 13 March.

If you would like to go to either or both of the above, please ring me.

Kate Best 01544 318513

Knitting and Crochet Workshops in Weobley

The next workshop will be on Tuesday 5 January from 10.00 - 12.00 noon. These workshops, run in Weobley, are for anyone interested in taking up knitting or crochet or to try new techniques such as cable or using colours. The meetings are very informal and we'll have a cup of coffee and a biscuit mid-session! All I ask is that you bring a pair of slippers with you and **ring me the day before the workshop** to let me know you are coming. A small charge of £2 is taken to cover costs and to put towards sending jumpers and blankets to the orphanages. If you would like to make a garment, give me a ring. For further information please ring

Kate Best - 01544 318513

SHAPING OUR PLACE 2026

Are you interested in your street, your village, your city, our county?

Then the forthcoming 'Place Shaping' consultation is for you.

We need your comments on:

* The proposed strategy for the development of the county until 2026

* Specific issues facing Hereford, the market towns and rural areas

* Possible locations for future housing, employment and other developments in Hereford and the market towns

* Possible rural settlements highlighted for growth

* Options for future sustainable transport measures and a relief road for Hereford

* Directions for future planning policies to guide development

These options are contained within the Place Shaping Paper to be published in January 2010.

Where can I find out more ?

At one of the Roadshows and exhibitions that will be launched:

18th January 2010 - Launch Event

(Kindle Centre, Asda, Hereford) (10am to 4pm)

3rd February 2010 Leominster Roadshow (Corn Square 10am to 1pm)

9th February 2010 Kington Roadshow (car park opposite Primary School 10am to 1pm)

The Place Shaping Paper will help to develop three planning documents which will

replace the Unitary Development Plan - **The Core Strategy, Hereford Area Plan** and the

Market Towns and Rural Areas Plan.

Your comments will also be used to help develop these plans as well as the **Local Transport Plan 3.**



THE FINAL PICTURE

A quiet Christmas with time to reflect. Monty, our cat seems to be oblivious to the hustle of Christmas. Maybe he's got the balance right. A little more time spent on the true meaning of Christmas and a little less on the glitter would be no bad thing.